

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending.

Applicants' Abstract and specification have been amended for clarification and to correct typographical errors in the terms "bleeding" and "least". Additionally, the Abstract has amended to be one paragraph and shortened in length.

I. Paragraphs 3-4 – The Rejection under 25 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner objects to the language "the pigment surface" in claims 1 and 11.

The Examiner objects to the language "the molecule" in claims 3, 4 and 11.

The Examiner questions that meaning of the language "carbodiimide group contained in at least species" in claim 6 and specifically questions what the term "contained" refers to.

Applicants' claims have been amended for clarity. In view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. The Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-11 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/507,012.

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Claims 1-11 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/519,079.

While Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is not obvious over the claims of copending Application No. 10/507,012 and the claims of copending Application No. 10/519,079, to expedite allowance of the present Application, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. The Terminal Disclaimer includes both copending Application No. 10/507,012 and pending Application No. 10/519,079. See MPEP 804.02.IV. for USPTO approval of filing a single terminal disclaimer for multiple patents.

Attached to the Terminal Disclaimer is a check for the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d). Please charge any other fees necessary for the terminal disclaimer to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

For the above reasons, it is requested that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

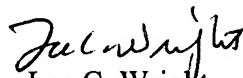
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the obviousness-type double patenting rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

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If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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